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## SICK-BED SERVICES.

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### I.

#### *In Pain or Sickness.*

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."—Luke xv. 18, 19.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and Ps. 86.  
hear me; for I am poor, and in misery.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for  
unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good and gra-  
cious, and of great mercy unto all them  
that call upon Thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and  
ponder the voice of my humble desires.

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O Lord, rebuke me not in thine Ps. 6.  
indignation, neither chasten me in thy  
displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled; but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercy's sake.

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LESSON.

Hebrews xii. 1—12

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself,

lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening



for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.

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PRAYER.

Almighty, everlasting God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; Have mercy upon thine afflicted servant, and grant that I may take my sickness patiently, and recover my bodily health, (if it be thy gracious will); and that whensoever my soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy king-  
dom come. Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, As we forgive them that  
trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation; But deliver us from  
evil. Amen.

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## II.

*When brought very low.*

How long wilt Thou forget me, O Ps. 13.  
Lord? for ever? How long wilt Thou  
hide thy face from me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my  
God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep  
not in death.

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Save me, O God, for the waters are Ps. 69.  
come in, even unto my soul.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where  
no ground is; I am come into deep  
waters, so that the floods run over me.

I am weary of crying; my throat is dry; my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable; turn Thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble; O haste Thee, and hear me.

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LESSON.

Proverbs iii. 11, 12.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Isaiah liii. 4—7.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised